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Maine Regulatory Fairness Board Public Hearing in Portland November 16

The Maine Regulatory Fairness Board (RFB) invites public testimony on regulatory and statutory issues that impact Maine businesses at its next meeting on Friday, November 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Rines Auditorium, located at the Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland.

To effectively report to the Legislature and the Governor on regulatory conflicts, the Board elicits public comment from Maine business owners/managers and the public concerning specific state rules and regulations that may unreasonably impede business sustainability and growth, and recommendations for regulatory and statutory change that may enhance Maine's business climate.

The Board holds hearings across the state to invite testimony that highlights and details regulations in need of scrutiny and amendment. It also weighs public comments and addresses administrative matters to advance operational goals and objectives. These public comments directly set the Board's agendas and greatly inform its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. Public participation is an essential element to achieving its goals and objectives. The Board encourages businesses to please consider attending hearings whenever possible to share their valuable insights.

The Board is chaired by Secretary of State, Charles E. Summers, Jr. and is comprised of four members, who are or have been owners or operators of Maine businesses. It is staffed by Maine's Small Business Advocate, Jay Martin. Private sector members of the Board volunteer their time and their unique expertise to serve as liaisons between the State's business community, regulatory authorities, and lawmakers.

Members:

- Secretary of State Charles E. Summers, Jr., Scarborough - Chairman
- Mr. Mark A. Tyler, Oakland - Vice Chairman
- Ms. Patricia Kuhl, Brunswick
- Mr. Michael R. Cote, Whiting
- Hon. Douglas Smith, Dover-Foxcroft

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